

In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

**10/518852**

In re patent application of: Markus Berger, Rainer Oehl and  
Klaus Binder

International Application No: PCT/DE 2003/001564 filed  
on May 15, 2003

Priority Claimed: German patent application 102 29 077.6  
filed on June 28, 2002

Title of Invention: Thread Brake

Attorney Docket: 202-056

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as delineated  
below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.